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## Minutes 01/23/2012

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON

#### Meeting Minutes

**Monday, January 23, 2012**

**7:15 p.m.**

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Kevin Greeley, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Dunn, Ms. LaCourt  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

#### Executive Session:

- a) Discussion of employment contracts for employees governed by the Board: Town Manager and his retirement package, Board Administrator and Comptroller.
- b) Public Vote

The Board voted that Mr. Sullivan receive a 1% increase effective January 1, 2012 retroactively and is also entitled to payment for unused vacation under State law. The Board agreed to amend his contract to allow for sick leave buyback up to a total of \$10,000.

Mr. Dunn moved approval seconded by Mr. Greeley.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. Rowe recommended that Marie Krepelka, Board Administrator, receive an annual Stipend of \$2,000. for night meetings.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval seconded by Mr. Greeley.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. Rowe recommend that Ruth Lewis, Comptroller, be given a step Increase of \$1251.00 to bring her to her maximum step.

Mr. Dunn moved approval seconded by Mr. Greeley.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: January 9, 2012
  - b. REAPPOINTMENTS
    - Arlington Historic District Commissions
    - David J. Levy
    - (term to expire 12/14)
    - Zoning Board of Appeals
    - Suzanne Rivitz
    - (term to expire 10/01/14)
    - Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee
    - Ron Sender
    - (term to expire 01/15)

- c. Request: Change of D/B/A - 9A-9B Medford Street  
Is: Manna Sushi  
Requests: Manna House  
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

#### LICENSES & PERMITS

2. Request: Class II - Alteration to Existing Premise/License  
Eduard Gukasov d/b/a Broadway, 1 Broadway  
Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.  
SO VOTED (5-0)

#### 3. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

#### TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

4. Request Street Name Change: Park Hill Circle to Summer Hill Circle  
Attorney Robert J. Annese  
The Board of Selectmen voted to amend the Board of Survey Hearing held on May 11, 2009 naming the roadway Park Hill Circle to Summer Hill Circle.  
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
5. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 35 Sherborn Street  
Virginia Shannon  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Discussion: MBTA Fare Hike  
Laura Wiener, Senior Planner  
Ms. Wiener reported that the MBTA has proposed a combination of fare hikes and service cuts to help them close the budget deficit and meet their current operating costs. Scenario 1 proposes a fare increase of \$.50 on the bus and subway will continue to include a free transfer, and will therefore cost \$2.40. Under Scenario 2, the fares will go up a little bit less (\$1.50 for the bus and \$2.25 for the train). The impact on Arlington will be the loss of 7 out of 10 routes that serve us. The MBTA is currently accepting public comments on the 2 plans and is holding a number of public hearings, including one in Cambridge on February 29th and one in Somerville on February 28th. The Board asked Ms. Wiener to write a letter to the MBTA regarding the Board's objection to both Scenario 1 and Scenario 2 and the impact these proposals will have on our Town's economic development. The Board also encouraged residents to send their comments to the MBTA.

7. Discussion: Hackney/Taxi Licensing Regulations  
Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Ms. Rice presented a second revised draft taxi regulations. After much discussion with Mr. Ron Bonney and Rick Truscello, Arlmont Transportation Co., Town Counsel will be drafting another hackney/taxi licensing regulations draft to be voted on at a future meeting.

8. Sale of Crosby School  
Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager  
Subject matter taken up in Executive Session.

## Correspondence Received

Marie Conlon	Tax Rate	Rec'd
Via e-mail		

Mr. Greeley stated that the Selectmen do not set the tax rate. The tax rate is set by the Assessors and the Director of Assessments through the recap sheet.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he answered Ms. Conlon's e-mail.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

## New Business

Mr. Sullivan spoke about the letter from Ms. Rice, Town Counsel, regarding Abandoned/Decrepit Housing Initiative. The Attorney General has developed a robust program to assist cities and towns in using the receivership statute to bring problem

properties into compliance. Once the Town has developed a potential list of properties to be considered for receivership, the Town Manager will provide it to the Board for their input.

Mr. Sullivan also spoke about the continued success of the NLC's free prescription drug card program. Since launching the program Arlington residents saved over \$100,000. Nationwide, Arlington is ranked #13 in cumulative savings of all municipalities participating in the program. We will continue with our ongoing outreach efforts to inform residents about the program and solidify our relationship with our pharmacy partners to continue to provide these cost savings to Arlington residents.

Ms. Rowe thanked the members of the Arlington Fire Department and Arlington Police Department who selflessly and without hesitation pulled a family of three from the water of Spy Pond on Sunday, January 22nd. The quick actions and sheer determination of the Fire and Police not only rescued these people, but saved their lives.

Mr. Dunn suggested that we reward the efforts of these individuals at Town Meeting as an effort to get Town Meeting to appreciate their work.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan if he would contact someone from Cambridge regarding the construction being done on Route 2 (Faces/Martignetti property). She asked if they could give us dates regarding traffic delays so it can be put on the Website and any other construction events going on. She has had many Arlington residents telling her the noise level is unacceptable.

Mr. Dunn reported that he is thrilled with the ITAC/GIS master plan. He thanked David Good, Chair of ITAC, Adam Kurowski, GIS Mapping Coordinator, who he feels was a wonderful hire and Adam Chapdelaine, Deputy Town Manager for putting said plan together.

Ms. Rowe stated she met with David Holland of the Shelter Group and they are in the process of applying for a Special Permit. They will be sending brochures out regarding the Assisted Living Units.

Ms. Rowe requested that the Board convene in executive session for the "Sale of Crosby School - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property value if holding such discussion in an open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's negotiating position (G.L. c. 30A, sec 21(a) (6))".

Mrs. Mahon moved to convene into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the above Purpose.

Roll Call:

Mr. Dunn	yes
Ms. LaCourt	yes
Ms. Rowe	yes
Mrs. Mahon	yes
Mr. Greeley	yes

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. and reconvene to the Selectmen's Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Dunn	yes
Ms. LaCourt	yes
Ms. Rowe	yes
Mrs. Mahon	yes
Mr. Greeley	yes

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:15 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administration

Next scheduled meeting of BoS February 6, 2012.